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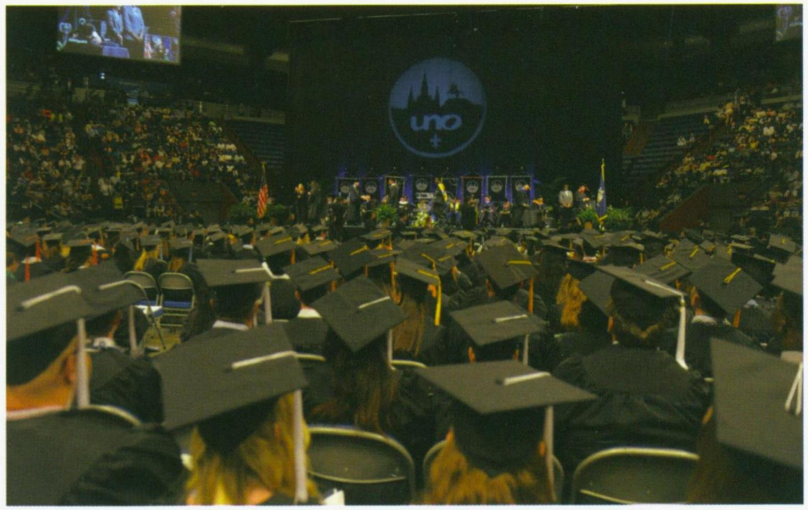

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Program

PERFORMANCE OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM
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PRESIDENT'S REMARKS
President John W. Nicklow Ph.D., PE, PH, DWRE
The University of New Orleans

HONORARY SPEAKER
Bivian "Sonny" Lee, III
President / Founder of Son of a Saint
Bachelor of Science, Marketing, '06

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES

READING OF THE GRADUATES

ALUMNI ADDRESS
Ricky Burke
Bachelor of Science, Mathematics, '73
Master of Business Administration, '75

University of New Orleans Mission Statement

The University of New Orleans is a comprehensive urban research university committed to providing educational excellence to a diverse undergraduate and graduate student body. The University is one of the region's foremost public resources, offering a variety of world-class, research-based programs, advancing shared knowledge and adding to the region's industry, culture and economy. The University of New Orleans, as a global community asset, serves national and international students and enhances the quality of life in New Orleans, the state, the nation, and the world, by participating in a broad array of research, service learning, cultural and academic activities.

Letter from the President

Dear Graduates,
This is a truly momentous occasion, and I am confident that you will remember this milestone for the rest of your life. It is my honor to participate in the celebration of your success. The fact that you have managed to persevere during a global pandemic and the impacts of multiple hurricanes shows your determination. That signals to me that you are unstoppable. In spite of these hardships, I hope that you will cherish your time spent at the University of New Orleans and the deep connection that you have forged with your alma mater. That bond is now stronger than ever. Please know that we, the entire University of New Orleans community, are immensely proud of your accomplishments. Each degree earned represents years of determination by a graduate who persisted, regardless of academic challenges, financial obstacles, work obligations or family responsibilities. Much like the city of New Orleans, our students just won't quit.

Fortunately, your relationship with the University does not end today. We are here to support our alumni in any way possible, and I hope that you will continue to engage with us. While you may feel as though you have concluded your education, the truth is we are never finished learning. A lifelong pursuit of knowledge is endlessly fascinating and fulfilling. If we can be part of your future educational pursuits, whether it be a second degree or graduate education, please let us know.

My aspiration is for you to achieve success—however you define it, to find your passion in your life and in your career, and for you to do what you can to make our world a better place. The journey you have shared with others at the University of New Orleans is the foundation for the next phase of your life. You have now earned a degree that can take you as far as you are willing to go. I offer you my heartfelt congratulations.

Dr. John Nicklow, *President*
The University of New Orleans

Commencement Speaker: Bivian "Sonny" Lee III

Son of a Saint founder and CEO Bivian "Sonny" Lee III has dedicated his life to transforming the lives of fatherless boys. Since he founded Son of a Saint in 2011, the organization has grown to now serve over 200 mentees with an operating budget of more than $4 million.

Each year, Son of a Saint selects a group of boys ages 10-12 to join the existing kids in the program. The boys must be fatherless due to their father's death or incarceration. Each boy participates as an official Son of a Saint mentee until they are 21 years old, but the connection remains with Son of a Saint, as the organization continues to advise its young men into early adulthood. The organization's goal is to graduate self-sufficient, independent thinkers who are leaders that give back to their community. Son of a Saint provides behavioral health counseling, access to recreation, mentorship, college and career readiness education, tutoring, tuition assistance and travel opportunities to the boys.

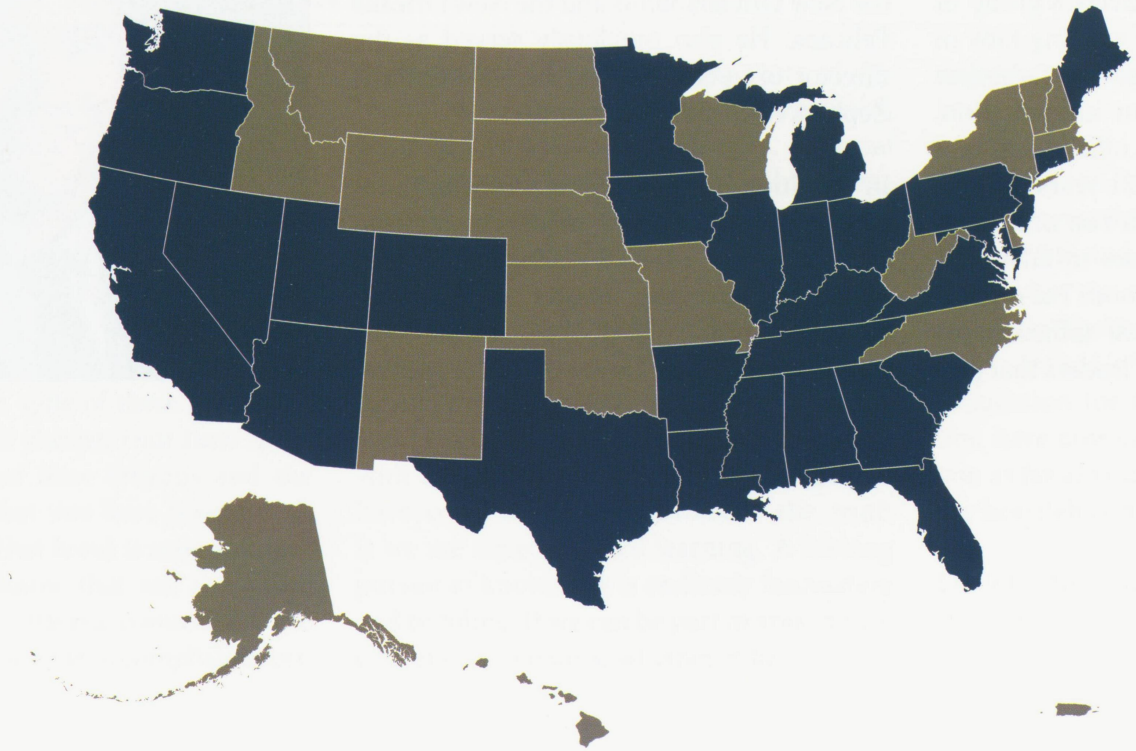
Prior to founding the organization, Lee served as chief aide to Tom Benson, owner of the New Orleans Saints and the New Orleans Pelicans. He also previously served as the director of operations for the New Orleans Zephyrs AAA Baseball Team.

In addition to earning a bachelor's degree in marketing and management from the University of New Orleans, Lee obtained an Executive Master of Nonprofit Administration (EMNA) from the University of Notre Dame. A TEDx speaker on community service, decision-making and the importance of education, his nonprofit work has been highlighted in local and national news outlets.

Where We're From!

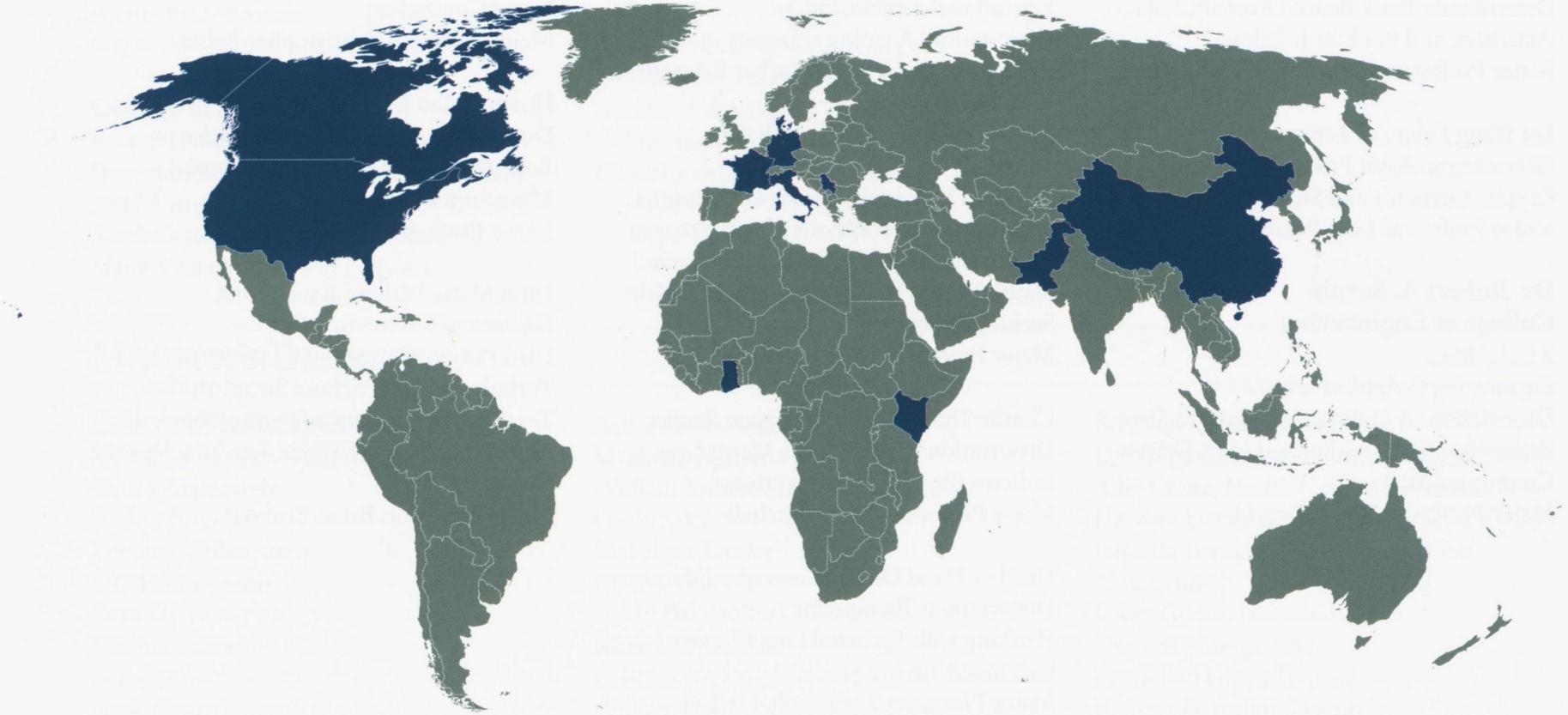
States | The Spring 2022 graduating class comes from Louisiana and the following 30 U.S. states and territories:

Alabama
Arkansas
Arizona
California
Colorado
Connecticut
District of Columbia
Florida
Georgia
Iowa
Illinois
Indiana
Kentucky
Maryland
Maine
Michigan
Minnesota
Mississippi
New Jersey
Nevada
New York
Ohio
Oregon
Pennsylvania
South Carolina
Tennessee
Texas
Utah
Virginia
Washington



Countries | The Spring 2022 graduating class comes from the following 11 areas abroad:

The Bahamas	Denmark	Ghana	Pakistan
Canada	France	Italy	Serbia
China	Germany	Kenya	



Doctor of Philosophy Degrees

College of Business Administration

Hassan Ahmed Nayef Bataineh
Financial Economics
Dissertation: Bank Board Diversity, ESG Activities, and Bank Risk-Taking
Major Professor: Mohammad Kabir Hassan

Lei Wang *Financial Economics*
Dissertation: Asset Pricing Models in Crypto-Currency and Stock Markets
Major Professor: Luca Pezzo

Dr. Robert A. Savoie College of Engineering

Xiaolei Bian
Engineering & Applied Science
Dissertation: A Holistic Approach to State Estimation, Data Fusion and Data-Driven Communication
Major Professor: Xiao-Rong Li

College of Liberal Arts, Education and Human Development

Mitchell Jermaine Brookins
Educational Administration
Dissertation: A Cultural Legacy of Resiliency: Black Male Teacher Retention in K-12 Classrooms
Major Professor: Elizabeth Jeffers

Adekemi L Ekanoye *Counselor Education*
Dissertation: Perceptions of Sub-Saharan African International Students in United States: Mental Health Concerns and Help-Seeking Behavior
Major Professor: Christopher Belser

Charlie Thomas Johnson *Urban Studies*
Dissertation: New Orleans Mardi Gras Indians: Big Chiefs Perspectives
Major Professor: Mary Mitchell

Heather Hand Olivier *Counselor Education*
Dissertation: Therapeutic Approaches to Working with Perinatal Loss Clients: A Grounded Theory Study
Major Professor: Christopher Belser

Victoria Frances Rodriguez
Counselor Education
Dissertation: Theory Application in Home-Based Counseling
Major Professor: Christopher Belser

Hoang T Tao *Urban Studies*
Dissertation: Environmental Justice of Repetitive Flood Loss and Freeboard Mitigation in New Orleans
Major Professor: David Gladstone

Lynn Marie Walters-Rauenhorst
Educational Administration
Dissertation: Experiencing Positional Turbulence: High School Social Studies Teachers' Perceptions of Instructional Leadership Support While Teaching During National Crises
Major Professor: Brian Beabout

Margaret S Williamson
Educational Administration
Dissertation: An Exploration of Emotional Intelligence and the Professional Competency of Academic Support Student Affairs Professionals
Major Professor: Christopher Broadhurst

College of Sciences

Fadeke Ibukun Adeola *Integrative Biology*
Dissertation: Functional Ecology of Calling and Mating in the Cricket Species (Acheta domesticus and Telogryllus commodus)
Major Professor: Simon Lailvaux

Megan Anne Goldfarb *Applied Psychology*
Dissertation: Working Memory and Language Associations in Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder
Major Professor: Tracey Knaus

Anna Weber *Integrative Biology*
Dissertation: Past and Present Patterns of Neutral and Adaptive Genetic Diversity in Wild Mandrills (Mandrillus sphinx)
Major Professor: Nicola Anthony

Master's Degrees

College of Business Administration

Master of Business Administration
Henry Augenstein
Sophia Brouillette
Kemar Cumberbatch
Edward Emerson
Evan Flynn
Marissa Frazier
Tod Gauthe II
Jacob Gray
Asia Jupiter
Arina Kleshchukova
Mychelle Nguyen
William Robertson
Oside Saleh
Mykeisha Tenner
Robert Watts II

Master of Science
Cristian Archaga, *Finance*
William Barton, *Hospitality & Tourism Management*
Brennan Cadard, *Accounting*
Luz Cortinas, *Health Care Management*
Allie Crane, *Health Care Management*
Heather Evans, *Finance*
Jaquetta Fortuné-Toney, *Health Care Management*
James Giblin, *Hospitality & Tourism Management*
Zeynullah Gider, *Finance*
Barbara Herndon, *Finance*

Master's Degrees

Abigail Hoffman, *Hospitality & Tourism Management*
Lacey Mallette Holmes, *Health Care Management*
Mathilde Kjær, *Hospitality & Tourism Management*
Elizabeth Leggio, *Health Care Management*
Jack McElveen V, *Accounting*
Faegheh Miryousefiata, *Health Care Management*
Olaseni Moore, *Tax Accounting*
Victoria Ngunjiri, *Finance*
Matthew Nuss, *Tax Accounting*
Bidhan Paudel, *Finance*
Blossom Peters, *Health Care Management*
Alexis Rafidi, *Tax Accounting*
Andrew Roesky, *Tax Accounting*
Rise Marie Spinelli, *Hospitality & Tourism Management*
Robert Uddo, *Health Care Management*
Van Wan, *Finance*
Valarie Wells, *Accounting*

Dr. Robert A. Savoie College of Engineering

Graduate Certificate Coastal Engineering
Leo Keegan
Amelie Lagarde
Mariann Alvarez Ruiz

Master of Science in Engineering
Hassan Alqahtani
Mohammed Alqahtani
Tharwat Alswaeer
Samuel Awenti
Kayla Ellzey
Lars Erickson
Bryan Gonzalez-Ventura
Arsany Hanin
Leo Keegan
Mara Kramer
Amelie Lagarde
Jessica Link
Oluwatosin Ojo
Kyle Pagan
Amanda Phillips
Thomas Siemens
Chowdvi Vutukuri

Master of Science in Engineering Management
Lee Burnett
Eboni Collins
Sarah Kane
Nicholas Landry
Henry Molony

College of Liberal Arts, Education and Human Development

Graduate Certificate Geographic Information Systems
Sarah Bechdel
Dov Block
J 'Bob' Danton
Randi Ezell
Samuel Mercier

Graduate Certificate Historic & Cultural Preservation
Julia Russ

Graduate Certificate Disaster Management & Community Resilience
Maya Struhar

Master of Arts
Devin Ball, *Arts Administration*
Clélia Blin, *Romance Languages*

Kyle Byrne, *English*
Madeline Chenevert, *Arts Administration*
Stephen Cutts, *Romance Languages*
Capri Dahle, *Romance Languages*
Emily Dalrymple, *English*
Clara Fajardo-Ayala, *Sociology*
Stephen Gaines, *History*
Courtney Hammett, *English*
Jordan Hammon, *History*
Christian Hastings, *English*
Jerome Haynesworth, *Romance Languages*
Ryan Hoover, *English*
Monica Ingle, *English*
Gracie Johnson, *History*
Brooke Kidder, *Arts Administration*
Claudette Kirkland, *Sociology*
Margaret Long, *English*
Grant Loveless, *Romance Languages*
Douglas Molin, *History*
Charlotte Naquin, *Sociology*
Keeley OHayre, *Romance Languages*
Shelby Oliver, *Sociology*
Jillian Oliveras Maldonado, *Arts Administration*
Lucille Oprea, *Arts Administration*
Pamela Otibu, *Arts Administration*
Ernesto Putnam Hernandez, *Romance Languages*
Marta Rodriguez Carbajo, *Romance Languages*
Ariel Roy, *History*
Tibor Sarlós, *Romance Languages*
Trittany Saverin, *Arts Administration*
Meghann Sayles, *Romance Languages*
Amy Scott, *Romance Languages*
Gregory Scott, *History*
James Smith, *History*
Kristina Smith, *History*
Lauren Smith, *History*
Tai Teamer, *Arts Administration*
Catherine Urquhart, *Arts Administration*
Neiman Wickline, *Romance Languages*
Rebecca Wilkes, *English*

Master of Arts in Teaching

Candace Avelar, *Elementary Education*
Kyle Dudley, *Secondary Education*
Ronesha Feria, *Elementary Education*
Mohammad Khan, *Secondary Education*
Jessica Kirkland, *Elementary Educationation*
Rebecca LaGrange, *Special Education - Early Intervention*
Robert Lenahan, *Elementary Education*
Elizabeth Lorenzo, *Elementary Education*
Julia Mahler, *Elementary Education*
Kelly Maldonado, *Special Education - Early Intervention*

Master of Education

Darrington Anderson, *Higher Education Administration*
Catherine Bolotte, *Counselor Education*
Khadijah Cooper, *Counselor Education*
Josie Dohmann Seifried, *Counselor Education*
Jeremy Geary, *Educational Leadership*
Rebecca Genter, *Counselor Education*
Gabrielle Glapion-Abadie, *Educational Leadership*
Sonia Kissin, *Counselor Education*
Megan Lancaster, *Educational Leadership*
Rachel Letort, *Educational Leadership*
Hannah Meunier, *Curriculum & Instruction*
Katherine Sharamitaro, *Counselor Education*

Master of Fine Arts

Narjes Haider Mohamed Abbas, *Film & Theatre*
Heather Boyle, *Fine Arts*
Drew Brinkman, *Film & Theatre*
Sara Burnett, *Creative Writing*
Jami'L Carter, *Film & Theatre*
Dylan Church, *Creative Writing*
Andrew Cominelli, *Creative Writing*
Rochelle Cooper, *Creative Writing*
Marion Forbes, *Film & Theatre*
Hannah Garrahy, *Film & Theatre*

Quincy Gayle, *Creative Writing*
Ashlyn Guidry, *Film & Theatre*
Sara Hardin, *Fine Arts*
Elyse Hauser, *Creative Writing*
Charles Jones, *Film & Theatre*
Jordan Joseph, *Film & Theatre*
Michael Krall, *Creative Writing*
Annell Lopez-Felix, *Creative Writing*
Ryan Mayer, *Creative Writing*
Jeanne McGlory, *Creative Writing*
Caitlin Miller, *Creative Writing*
Alex Moersen, *Creative Writing*
Sophie Nau, *Creative Writing*
Dorothy Nguyen, *Creative Writing*
Kimberly (Adachi) Pimentel, *Film & Theatre*
Natalka Proszak, *Creative Writing*
Andrew Stroud, *Film & Theatre*
Reis Vance, *Creative Writing*
Katrina Vogl, *Creative Writing*
Bianca Walker, *Fine Arts*
William Ware, *Film & Theatre*

Master of Music

Matthew Chapin
Kenneth Collins
Santrell Perdue
Audrey Smith
Keith Tillman
Dylan Torrance

Master of Public Administration

Maria Andrade
Charles Brown
Sophia Davis
Carlton Gray Jr
Sawsan Jaafreh
John Johnson
LaMaria Phillips

Master of Science

Alexandra Cavignac, *Urban Studies*
Abby Coyle-Richards, *Transportation*
Nick Cutrera Jr, *Transportation*
Jason Duet, *Transportation*

Master of Urban and Regional Planning

Sarah Bechdel
Dov Block
Bailey Bullock
Ellis Combes
Sukari Ivester
Samuel Mercier
Julia Russ
Maya Struhar

College of Sciences

Graduate Certificate Data Analytics

Hanan Adam
Achraf Cherkaoui
Aimane Ederouich
Colin Hill
Samira Kharboui
Qianwen Li

Graduate Certificate Machine Learning & Artificial Intelligence

Tharani Maaneeivaannan
Zhenli Tang

Master of Science

Hanan Adam, *Mathematics*
Jaleelah Awadallah, *Biological Sciences*
Thomas Bridges, *Biological Sciences*
Cinthia Caceres Vasquez, *Psychology*
Achraf Cherkaoui, *Mathematics*
Hanson Chokr, *Biological Sciences*
Brooke Diehl, *Chemistry*
Allyson Elkins, *Psychology*
Jenny Gumpert, *Psychology*
Matt Haefele, *Computer Science*
Colin Hill, *Mathematics*
Azizah Hinnawi, *Biological Sciences*
Samira Kharboui, *Mathematics*
Qianwen Li, *Mathematics*
Tharani Maaneeivaannan, *Computer Science*
Damon Morse, *Earth & Environmental Science*
Jocelyn Mueller, *Psychology*

Hoang Nguyen, *Computer Science*
Ahsiya Nicholas, *Biological Sciences*
Alexander Osborne, *Biological Sciences*
Madeleine Saunders, *Biological Sciences*
Amy Schneida, *Psychology*
Patrick Schwing, *Biological Sciences*
Zhenli Tang, *Computer Science*
Paola Tejeda, *Psychology*
Abriana Travis, *Psychology*
Kateryna Trushyna, *Biological Sciences*
Hanqi Yu, *Mathematics*
Hui Zhou, *Mathematics*

Undergraduate Degrees

College of Business Administration

Pamela Kennett-Hensel Ph.D., Dean

Bachelor of Science

Sanya Abbas
Amally Abdeljabar
Tawfik Abdeljabar
Hana Afaneh
Zeenat Akhtar◇
Hassan Al Maqboul
Esra Alnajjar
Fayza Alsaadi✧
Rebecca Arcement
Chase Arceneaux✧
Reagan Arnett
Cole Bertaut
Tyler Bischke
Gannon Blackledge✧
Bre-Shey Blanchard
Alejandro Blanco
Christopher Bui
Treya Calice
Mia Campbell
Jasmine Cano
Chloe Carrier
Van Anh Chau
Shiao Chien✧
Stephanie Cooper
Emily Cotton
Bryant Daigle
Terry Daigrepont
Judy Darwish
Harley Davis
Katherine Dicharry
Emily Dixon✧
Britney Do□
Camille Fanguy
Cayla Fazande
Savannah Flores
Michelle Folk✧
Ryan Frazier
Rebecca Fuentes✧
Ryan Fulton
Laquana Gardner
Joshua Gonzales
Madeline Grunewald✧
Fareionta Harris□
Michelle Hartley
Maximilian Heinzel◇
Cynder Hendricks
Alaijah Hill
Quynh Hoang✧
Thi Hoang◇
Danial Hussain
Macie Hymel
Arwa Ibrahim✧
Ashley Joiner
Jenna Jones
Mahagony Keen
Mengviseth Khuon◇

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Alisha Kirkland
Johona Kuchler
Espen Lagarde✧
Angelina Lanza
Taylor Lightell
Margaret Loch✧
Jamie Logreco
Gerard Lucas Jr
Maily Luu□
Alejandro Machuca
Jazmyn Mackie□
Jan Nicole Magundayao□
Andrew Maheu□
Christopher Marquez
Anna Martin
Gabrielle Mason
Callie McDaniel
Aeriel McLarty
Jacob Mead✧
Hailey Melerine✧
Collin Mitchell
Trellis Morgan
Davin Ortego
Jacob Palma
Emily Parker
Jacob Porche
Lindsey Prejean
David Quevedo Ramirez◇
Charles Richardson
Antonio Rodarte
Andrea Rodriguez
Keithwyn Ross
Zoe Rudesill
Catherine Salgado
Ian Sinclair
Lindsey Solis◇
Maci Spahr
Carlos Tinoco
Brittany Toldson
Brandon Tom
Luke Toups
Thien-Tinh Tran
Thinh Trang
Christian Treadaway
Jewel Vegas✧
Sally Vo□
Minh Vu
Xuancun Wei
Emily Weil◇
Sydney Welch
Jessica Wilhelm
Nekesha Williams
Reagan Williams
Jeremiah Yeboah
Naomi Yeboah
Joshua Zaldivar
Rita Zecchin
Siqi Zhao□

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Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering

Adam Abdulbagi
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Waqas Khan
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Laura Medina
Anthony Melancon III
Hannah Milhet◇
Rommy Muhsen
Bayan Odeh
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Iysar Salem
Jacob Seal□
Shannon Tracy□
Vaughn Valladares

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Kevin Freitas
Abdejalil Hammad
Zavier Jacob-Matlock
Johnny Ngo✧
Solomon Rhodes
David Saballos Torres
Cédric Snow
Ronjae Taylor
Jorge Tejeda Navarro
Judy Vu◇
Luke Webb

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering
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Grayson Goolsby◇
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Joseph Loy
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Collin Miller
Paytin Patin✧
Christian Pilie
Christian Pottschmidt
Kyle Roane
Dawson Scardino
Isaac Sultana
Neal Widdifield
Xiao Zhang

Bachelor of Science in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering
Sultan Alblooshi
Mohamed Alhammadi✧
Saeed Alshamsi□
Andrew Bagert
Muhammad Hassan Iqbal Chaudhary
Marie Crochet
Norden Davis
David Fuerst
Matthew Garrett□
Gerard Gerarve
Justin Lam
Stefen Mina
Emma OGrady
Nikolas Saylor
George Selden
Jacob Sterbenz
Daniel Suazo

Undergraduate Certificate Power and Energy Systems
Imad Abdelmajeed□
Daniel Floyd
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Allyana Bradley
Scott Braud◇
Joshua Brewer
Sophia Broussard
Joshua Brown
Jacob Bui
Richard Byrd
Zen Castro
Sarah Celino
Joshua Cerejo
Supissara Charoentanabodee
Jeffrey Chatagnier□
Forrest Condon✧
Max Corcoran✧
Jack Croce□
Kayla Crowden✧
Carolan Crowder
Lauren Davis□
Sarah Delatte□
Garrett DeValcourt
Emily Espana Bardales
Kasey Esteves
Meagan Ford Seyfarth

Jaren Gaines
Michelle Gauchet
Don Graham
Miles Hamauei
Erin Harris◇
Brianna Huber◇
Joseph Hughes◇
Trinity Jackson□
Alexius Jackson-Ancar
Kevin Johnson Jr
Carson Keller
Darien Kelly
Sean Kelly
Laura Kilmer
Michaela Kramer
Jae'lin LaGrange
Rowan Lambert
Malasha Landry
Sage Lavner◇
Darren Lewis
Ian MacFadyen□
Magdalene Mailhes✧
Jose Martinez III
Patrick McArdle✧
Rose McBurney□
Brennan McConnell
Kaitlin McLaughlin
Harold Mix
Itumeleng Mokuena

Emelie Morrison
Flynn Morrison✧
Katharine Morrissey✧
Sophia Mullen□
Elijah Olsen✧
John Paciera
Mazzarie Parker
Price Payne
Kelsey Pembrook
Nicholas Porter
Anissa Rapoza□
Patrick Raybourn
Justin Riley
Camille Roark
Emma Roussell
Carla Sandoval✧
Logan Schlaudecker
Emma Seither✧
Travis Simmons
Emma Smith
Morrissa Smith
Holden Spitelera
Nina Ta
Lewis Tangi
Laural Tannehill□
Kirsten Theodore
Matthew Valerio◇
Taneil Vickers
Matthew Walsworth

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Alixx Williams
Grace Wright◇

Bachelor of Science
Ibrahim Abdeljaber□
Philip Antosca◇
Tiffany Ball
Michelle Bellotti□
Rebecca Bennett□
Deidre Bourgeois✧
Elwood Breaux
Jon-Carlo Caballero
Tyler Cao
Kuratul Cheema□
Rebecca Doell✧
Madelyne Evans
Jeremiah Flanary◇
Hermine Gabriel
Martin Garrett
Khalin Hart
Holly Hedrick
Daniel Hunsaker✧
Aisha Johnson✧
Marissa Lagasse
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Alexander Soileau
Alexa Spartz□
Leah Spurgeon
Shelbi St.Pierre
Skyla Thompson□
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College of Sciences
Steven G Johnson Ph.D., Dean

Bachelor of Science
Lama Abdil-Jabar
Emmanuel Adefuye
Yancey Aisola Jr
Amber Allen
Katelyn Alonso
Mays Alsalti
Pauline Armstrong
Andrew Ates
Jenna Baltz
Haley Beaulieu
Annika Beaverson◇
Spencer Beck
Dustin Bell✧
Jacob Beyer
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Ariella Bordelon✧
Jordan Bordenave
Rebecca Brooks◇
Abby Buchholz◇
Ivy Bui
Vincent Bui✧
Kyle Bush
Reaonna Cage
Asad Chaudhry
Christine Clark-Landry
Corey Cochrane
John Cole□
Brianna Coloma
ReBecca Crawford
Ryangelle Crayton
Dwayne Crenshaw
Loandi Cruz◇
Yezan Darwish

Undergraduate Degrees

Grace Davidson
Morgan Davis
Kaitlin Denton
Mihajlo Drobnjakovic◇
Jake Duhe✧
Scott Elston
Jaden Forester◇
Christian Fuller◇
Ashley Gavilanes
Sauryha Gay
Averion Gilmore
Charles Graffeo□
Najah Hamdan
Benjamin Hammock□
Courtney Harris□
Jarnell Hayes
Matthew Heaton
Lorryiane Henry
Victoria Henry✧
Adrianna Holivay
Eric Humphries□
Taylor Huynh
Jacques Janvier
Nickolaus Johnson□
Sarah Johnson
Tia Joseph◇
Aaqib Ahmed Kamarundeen
Dillon Langford
Charlie Le✧
Ethan LeMaire
Cheyanne Lentz
Serenity Lloyd
Tithalia Lockett
George Loss
Michelle Luu✧
Skylar MacDonald
Amanda Marino
Jayla Marino
Elizabeth Martell
Emily McDonald◇
Carlos Mendoza□
Mya Miller
Cooper Monzon□
Shana Moore
Lauren Morrow
Hannah Morter
Shakayla Mosely
Aziza Moses
Jenny Nguyen◇
Kevin Nguyen
Thanh Nguyen
Thao Ngoc Nguyen□
Truc Nguyen✧
Matthew Orgeron□
Victoria Ostrowski
Bipin Pachhai◇
Nguyen Manh Cuong Pham
Samuel Pham
Trinh Pham◇
Giancarlo Portocarrero Cortez□
Sean Powell
Ashli Prosperie
Jessica Pujol
Qiang Qiu
Zachary Richard
Lexie Riviere
Breanna Roberts□
Breyana Robinson
James Rodgers
Ashton Rowells
Janey Saik
Nesrine Salhi
Maddie Sampey
Victoria Sanchez◇
Taylor Santos
Madelyn Scandaliato✧
Maria Schexnaydre✧
Hannah Seiler
Joshua Shook
Alexandra Simmons
Andrea Smith
Yadvana Sosa
Alexis Spiller◇
Gabriela Summerlin✧
Marco Tabora□
Gustavs Tobiss□
Alexander Trahan

◇Summa Cum Laude ✧Magna Cum Laude □Cum Laude

Gianna Tregre✧
Angela Truxillo◇
Harriona Tyler✧
Destinee Veal
Jenna Vidrine
Hannah Volpi
Christopher Wagner
Kaitlyn Warren✧
Camron Williams
Regal Williams✧
Tia Williams
Desmonica Wilson
Karl Wise
Tasha Youngblood
Ivan Zelenkov□

Undergraduate Certificate Software Engineering
Jacques Janvier
Truc Nguyen✧
Alexander Trahan
Ivan Zelenkov□

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Scott W Pentzer Ph.D., Director

Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies
Alyssa Alfonso
Karyna Báez
Sophia Baylis□
Skylar Benoit
Madalyn Brens
Patricia Bryant
Monica Clark
Ellis Cummings
Jeissy De La Cruz
Rebecca Dekay
K'mani Doughty
Morgan McKernan Drummond
Andrew Duran
Samantha Dyson
Sissel Erickson
Shamaa Farah
Corey Fichter
Cahae Fortenberry
Dietrich Gagliano
Vinicio Hernandez
Cornelius Hilliard
Gabrielle Ishee
Tressa Jones
Michaela Klegseth
Mary Legendre□
Cathy Luong
Brittany McLellan
Brandon Mitchell
Catrina Moses
Paige Nichols
Marcelina Pineyro
Kedrieka Roberson
Demi Robinette
Kyle Rodriguez
Allison Roehrich
Justice Ross✧
Daniel Sackey
Nancy Sherman✧
Andrea Stermin
Noelle Trotter□
Sarah Vaz
Ronald Winger/Bartholomew
Conner Young

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UNO, Our Alma Mater
Proud we stand to sing your fame
UNO
We honor your dear name.
Mem'ries will linger on
When our years with you have gone
And keep us true
to the Silver and Blue.

Lyrics by Deborah H. Crosby | Music from The Overture to the Consecration of the House by Ludwig van Beethoven

Commencement Commentary

Awarding degrees at the University of New Orleans and most other American universities follows a practice that can be traced back to the University of Paris during the early part of the 11th century. The Bishop of Paris, like every other bishop at the time, was responsible for local educational curricula and degree granting. His authority in these matters, however, was challenged by the teachers. They asserted that only they could be the proper judges of the qualifications of their students. This threatened impasse was resolved by a compromise under which the teachers, or masters, judged the merits of the students and then recommended them to the Bishop for degrees. A secularized version of that arrangement is represented in today's ceremony, during which college deans are certifying that the student candidates are qualified to receive their degrees.

Academic Regalia

The caps and gowns worn by graduates and faculty are based on costumes used in universities of the 14th and 15th centuries, particularly at Oxford and Cambridge in England. This academic dress has been used in the United States from colonial times and was standardized by an Intercollegiate Code in 1895. Like the military of medieval times with its pages, squires and knights, the academic world has long had three basic grades of dignity and achievement. These are bachelors, masters and doctoral. The distinction between masters and doctors is comparatively recent; both imply the right to teach.

Black is the most common color for academic gowns, though UNO's gowns are customized

UNO blue. There is no trimming on the gowns for the bachelor's or master's degrees. For the doctoral degree, the gown is faced down the front with black or colored velvet and with three bars of the same across the sleeves. The color in the master's costume is restricted to the hood worn around the neck and down the back. This hood is lined with silk of a color which indicates the subject area of the degree received. Thus the master's hood from The University of New Orleans is customized UNO blue, lined in silver with a blue chevron and edged in white velvet for Arts, Letters, and Humanities, copper for Accounting, drab for Business, light blue for Education, orange for Engineering, brown for Fine Arts and Urban and Regional Planning, sage green for Health and Physical Education, pink for Music, dark blue for Philosophy, peacock blue for Public Administration, and golden yellow for Sciences.

Doctors have a larger and more open hood, which is lined with the colors of the degree-granting institution and trimmed with the color of the degree (Doctor of Philosophy) received. As noted above, gowns have black or colored velvet on the sleeves and the front. Usually doctors will wear a gold tassel on their cap. In recent years, some universities have broken away from the traditional scheme and allowed their doctors to wear brighter, more original costumes. For instance, Yale's blue with black trim and Harvard's crimson and black.

Hoods are not worn by candidates for bachelor's degrees at UNO, but their academic discipline is denoted by the color of their mortarboard tassels. Candidates expected to graduate with honors wear a UNO blue and silver cord.

Accounting – Drab
Anthropology – White
Arts Administration – White
Arts Teaching (MAT) – Light Blue
Biological Sciences – Golden Yellow
Chemistry – Golden Yellow
Civil Engineering – Orange
Computer Science – Golden Yellow
Counselor Education – Light Blue
Creative Writing – White
Curriculum & Instruction – Light Blue
Earth and Environmental Sciences – Golden Yellow
Education – Light Blue
Economics – Copper
Educational Administration – Light Blue
Electrical Engineering – Orange
Elementary Education – Light Blue
Engineering – Orange
Engineering and Applied Sciences – Golden Yellow or Orange
Engineering Management – Orange
Engineering Science – Orange
English – White
Film and Theatre Arts – Brown
Finance – Drab
Financial Economics – Copper
Fine Arts – Brown
French – White
General Business Administration – Drab
Health Care Management – Drab
Human Performance & Health Promotion – Sage Green
History – White
Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Administration – Drab
Interdisciplinary Studies – White
International Studies – White
Management – Drab
Marketing – Drab
Mathematics – Golden Yellow
Mechanical Engineering – Orange
Music – Pink
Naval Architecture and Marine

Engineering – Orange
Philosophy – Dark Blue
Physics and Applied Physics – Golden Yellow
Political Science – White
Psychology – Golden Yellow
Public Administration – Peacock Blue
Romance Languages – White
Secondary Education – Light Blue
Sociology – White
Spanish – White
Special Education – Light Blue
Urban and Regional Planning – Blue-Violet
Urban Studies – Blue-Violet

Academic Ceremonies

Many factors — such as the nature of the institution, the size of the graduating class, the weather, and the place of ceremony (indoors or outdoors) — affect the details of academic ceremonies. Institutions have wide latitude in meeting these conditions, and consequently there is considerable variation in customs. At UNO, the commencement procession is composed of representatives of the faculty and a platform party, which is seated on the stage. The platform party consists of university administration officials, representatives of the Board of Supervisors of the University of Louisiana System, the commencement speaker, and distinguished guests.

Degrees are announced in descending order, with doctorates first and bachelor's degrees last.

The University of New Orleans, then LSUNO, conferred its first bachelor's degrees to 65 candidates at the Spring Commencement of 1962. Its first master's degrees were awarded to six graduate students in 1965 and the first doctoral degree in 1967.

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University Mace

The University of New Orleans Mace is borne before the Platform Party as a symbol of authority in the Procession and Recession.

The Mace was first presented on September 6, 1988, at the Academic Convocation commemorating the 30th anniversary of the University's opening. Commissioned in January 1988, the Mace was conceptualized by Professor Howard Jones, Chairman of the Department of Fine Arts, and refined and executed by Mr. Doug MacCash, a graduate assistant working under the supervision of Professor Jones.

Subtle features of the artifact symbolize the composition, mission, and vitality of the University. Emblematic of authority, the Mace features engravings of the name and year of appointment of each of the University's leaders.

The President's Medallion

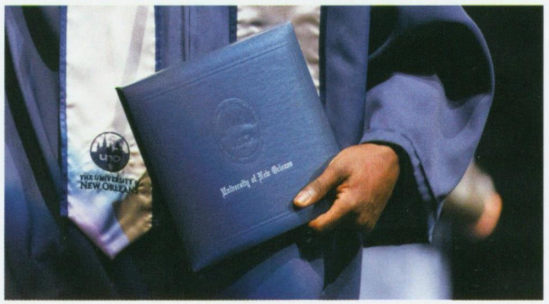
Traditionally, a University's chief executive officer possesses a badge of office that he or she wears at convocations, commencements or other ceremonial occasions. To honor that custom, the original Chancellor's Medallion

was struck and presented on the occasion of the inauguration of Dr. Leon J.V. Richelle, UNO's second leader, in 1981. In commemoration of UNO's 50th Anniversary in 2008, the UNO Federal Credit Union presented to the University the gift of a new medallion to be worn by Chancellor Timothy P. Ryan and all successors to that office. With the transfer of UNO to the University of Louisiana System, the leader is the President.

The entire antiqued silver-plated four-inch medallion and chain feature the University of New Orleans seal encircled by fourteen one-and-one-half inch squares and seventeen banners. Twelve of the squares are engraved with UNO above a fleur-de-lis. Two squares are engraved with the 50th Anniversary emblem. Six of the banners are engraved with UNO's leaders' names and dates of service. The banner immediately above the medallion bears the word President. Variations of this medallion may be struck on special occasions to honor extraordinary and distinguished service to the University.

Alumni

The University of New Orleans Alumni Association provides fun and meaningful opportunities for graduates to stay connected to and engaged with UNO. The association hosts alumni events year-round, promotes the success of UNO students and builds awareness of UNO's importance to our community and region. In addition to discounts on insurance products, car rentals, UNO bookstore purchases, library and fitness center privileges, the benefits of membership also include opportunities for professional networking and leadership development, a business directory for UNO-run businesses and more. Visit **unomatrix.com** to register for a free membership and receive your digital membership card!



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The list of candidates for graduation was prepared before final grades were reported; thus, the listing of a name in this program should not be construed as documentation that the person listed will, in fact, receive a degree from the University of New Orleans. Conversely, some students who are not listed may be awarded degrees.

The same applies to the listing of students graduating with honors.